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Dear Erik,

Below is a review of the factual background associated with the recent sampling event. You may wish to recheck the facts with your clients before we speak later today.

Richard

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Good Morning Richard

**USGS work and Access**

It appears that Eric Olson has a misunderstanding of the USGS work completed in March 1, 2017.

The Tribe provided a emailed summary of USGS work activities on March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017 and this summary is in direct conflict Mr. Olson's understanding described in his email (email attached).

To correct Mr. Olson's understanding

- 1) Mr. Larsen was present for both access to wells located on the Kozaks's Property (MW 18 well nest, MW 19 well nest, MW 21 well nest, and MW22 well nest) and the collection of water levels. In fact Mr. Larsen took water levels from wells before and after USGS readings were made for all wells (both on the Kozak's property and off property).
- 2) The first water level reading was taken from a Tribal Well (LDF02) at about 10:18 am (dated photo attached with Mr. Larsen observing USGS at LDF 02). Mr. Larsen was present for this event and all measurements taken on March 1, 2017.

In addition

- 1) Tribal Staff did not enter Kozak's property during the water level collection on March 1, 2017.
- 2) USGS staff did enter the Kozak property to collect water level data. USGS Staff were accompanied by Mr. Larsen.

Kristen

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Richard:

I checked back with my client on the issues with the USGS work. Apparently the property owner granted consent but requested that REI be there for the sampling. REI showed up on time but the USGS and the Tribe had already been there, collected readings, and left. My clients are concerned that occurrences like this may make access more difficult in the future, especially for the Tribe.

EPA is amenable to presenting a joint statement to the State about what EPA and the Tribe have been discussing regarding the site activities in lieu of the notes of the process, as we discussed.

Finally, EPA would still like to understand what is allowable as an interim measure under tribal law, or whether the Tribe's position on excavation only is best professional judgement.

Thanks for your assistance.

Regards,

Erik